

Parallel Park

Community Meeting

6 DECEMBER 2023



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Project Team Introduction

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Firm Background



Healy Playground



Dorchester Park Playground



King Open Elementary Schoolyard



Ryan Playground

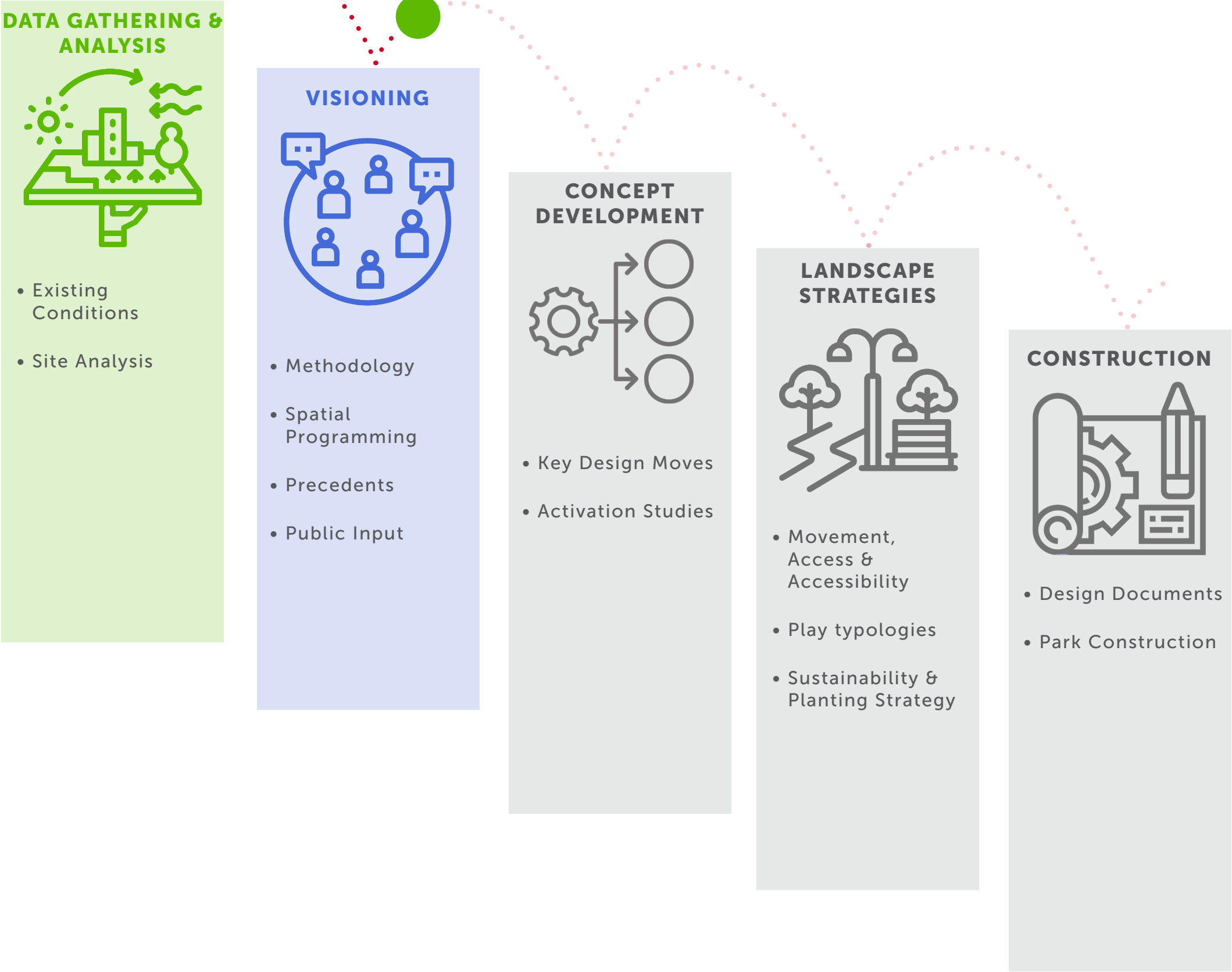


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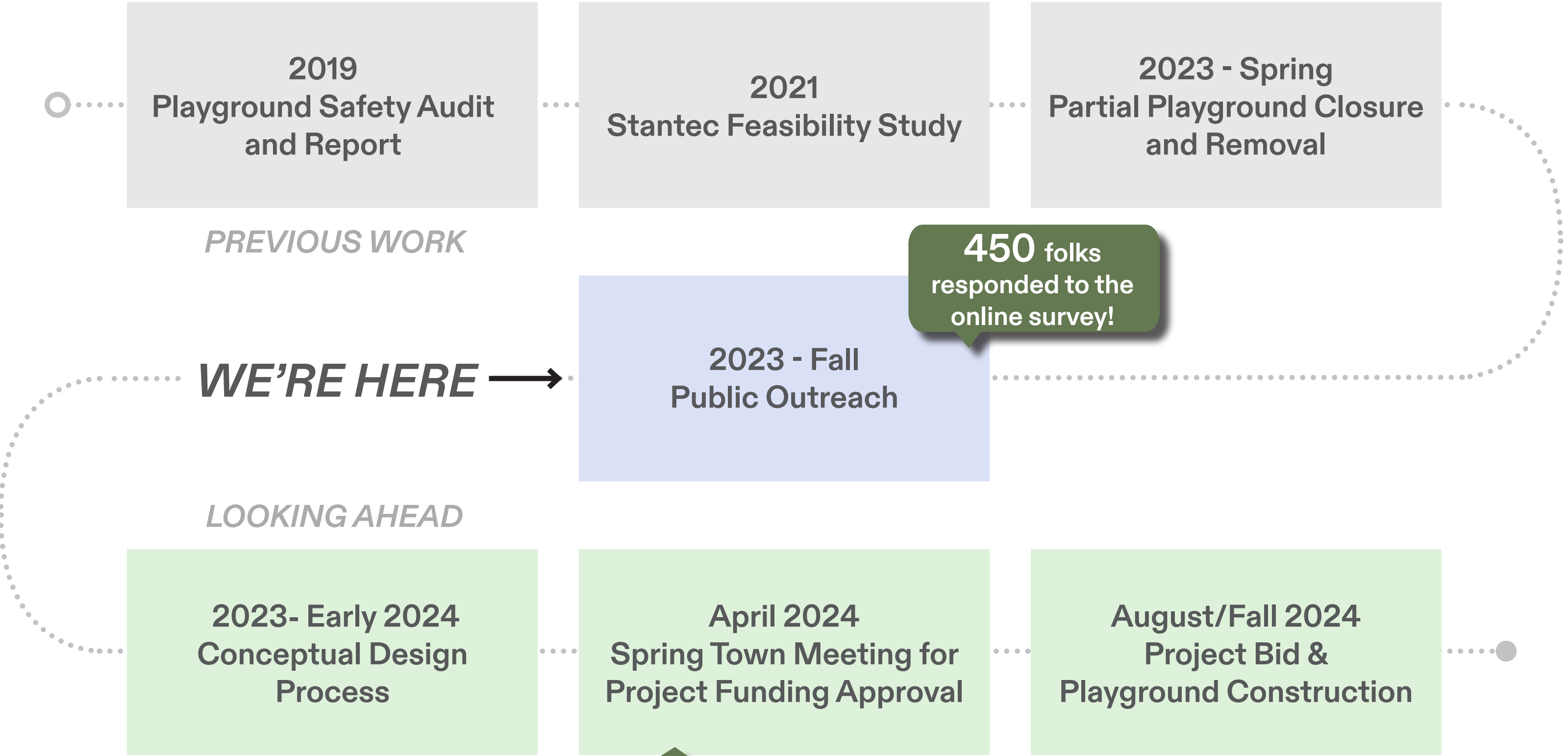
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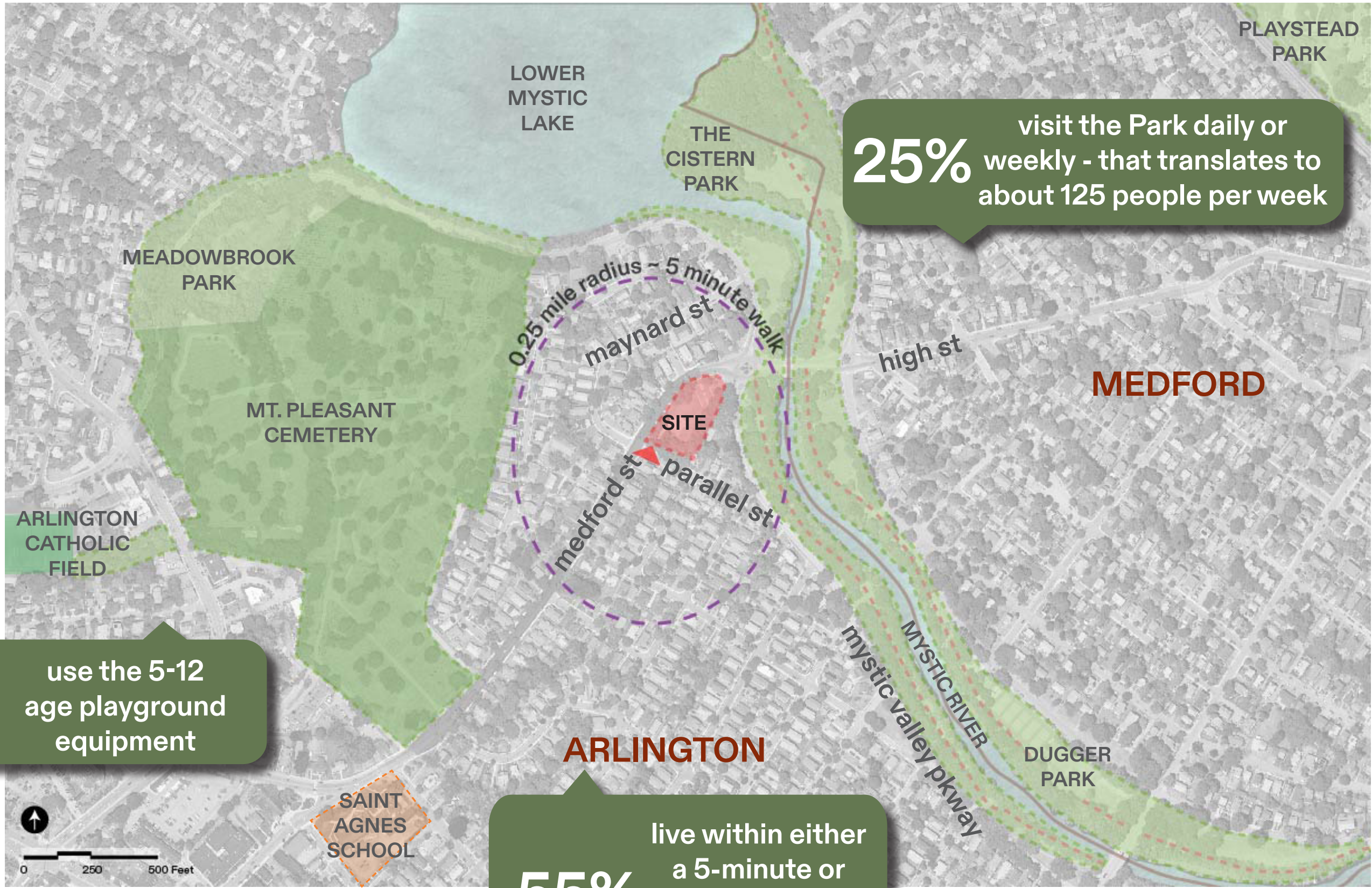
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Design Road Map



Project Overview





Existing Conditions | Play Features



“They took a climbing structure down years ago and never replaced it...it really doesn’t offer much to children except a big space to run”



“This park is our favorite in summer because of the shade but after taking out the big kid play structure, it’s hard to keep my 6-year old occupied.”

“The neighborhood is desperate for this park to be enhanced... It is underused now because it has next to nothing in it. Even the swings are hung too high for anyone smaller than 5’5” to get on”



“More playset appropriate for elementary kids age. Often these new parks are made for really young kids.”



“The mature trees in the perimeter of the park are particularly majestic. Please do what you can to protect and enhance that aspect of the park experience.”



“Many children enjoy climbing the small tree next to the rotary. Please keep this tree as-is.”

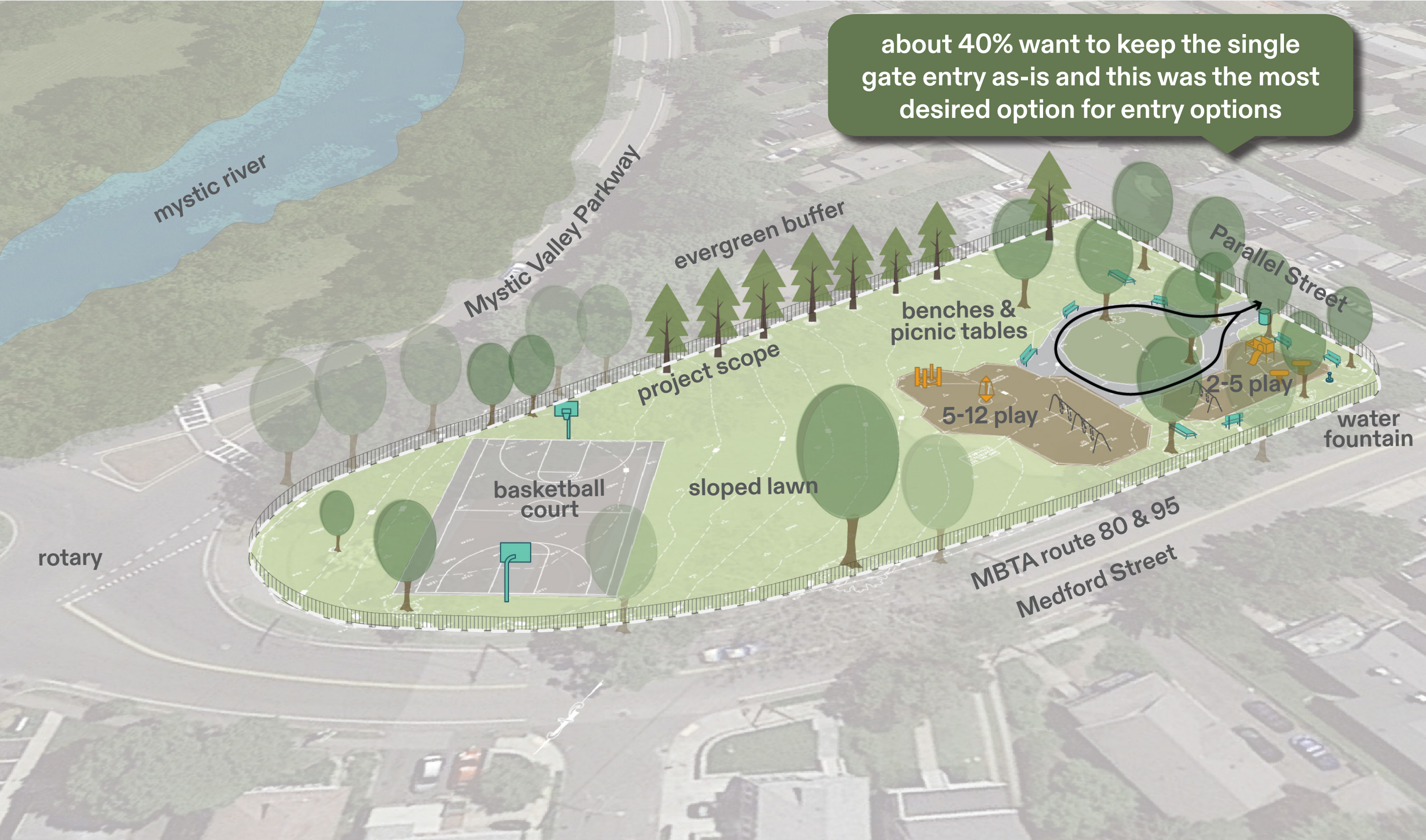


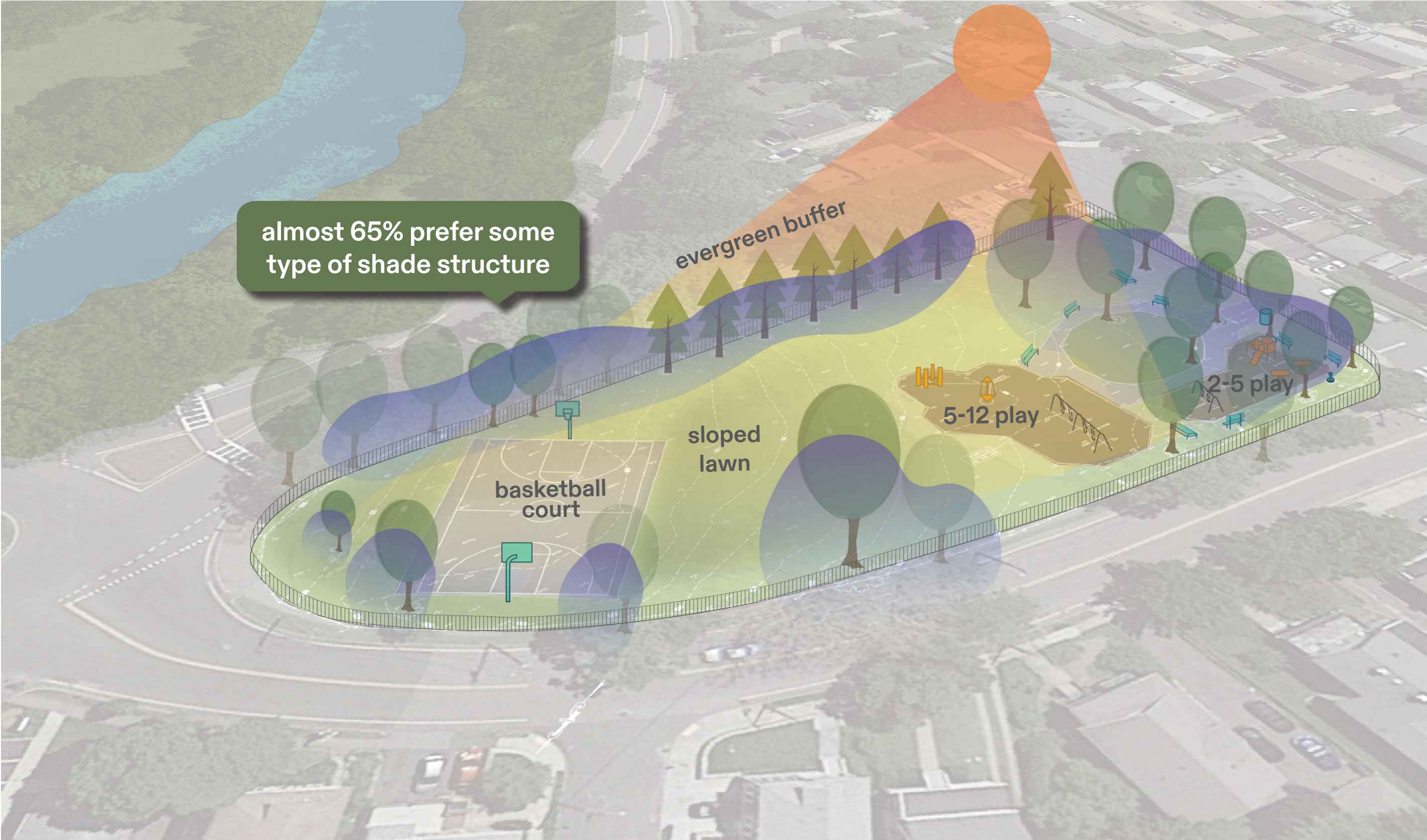
“We called it ‘traffic playground’ because of the prime bus and car viewing. Little kids love watching vehicles drive by.”



“A scooter/bike path for kids would be greatly enhanced by small ‘pump track’ elements - ups and downs for kids to develop additional balance, skills, etc.”

about **45%** utilize the court
and paths for biking and scooters





Community Feedback | Meet and Greet

limited play opportunities for the 5-12 age group - many drive children to nearby neighborhood parks for suitable play equipment

many hope for designated off leash dog hours or fenced in dog area

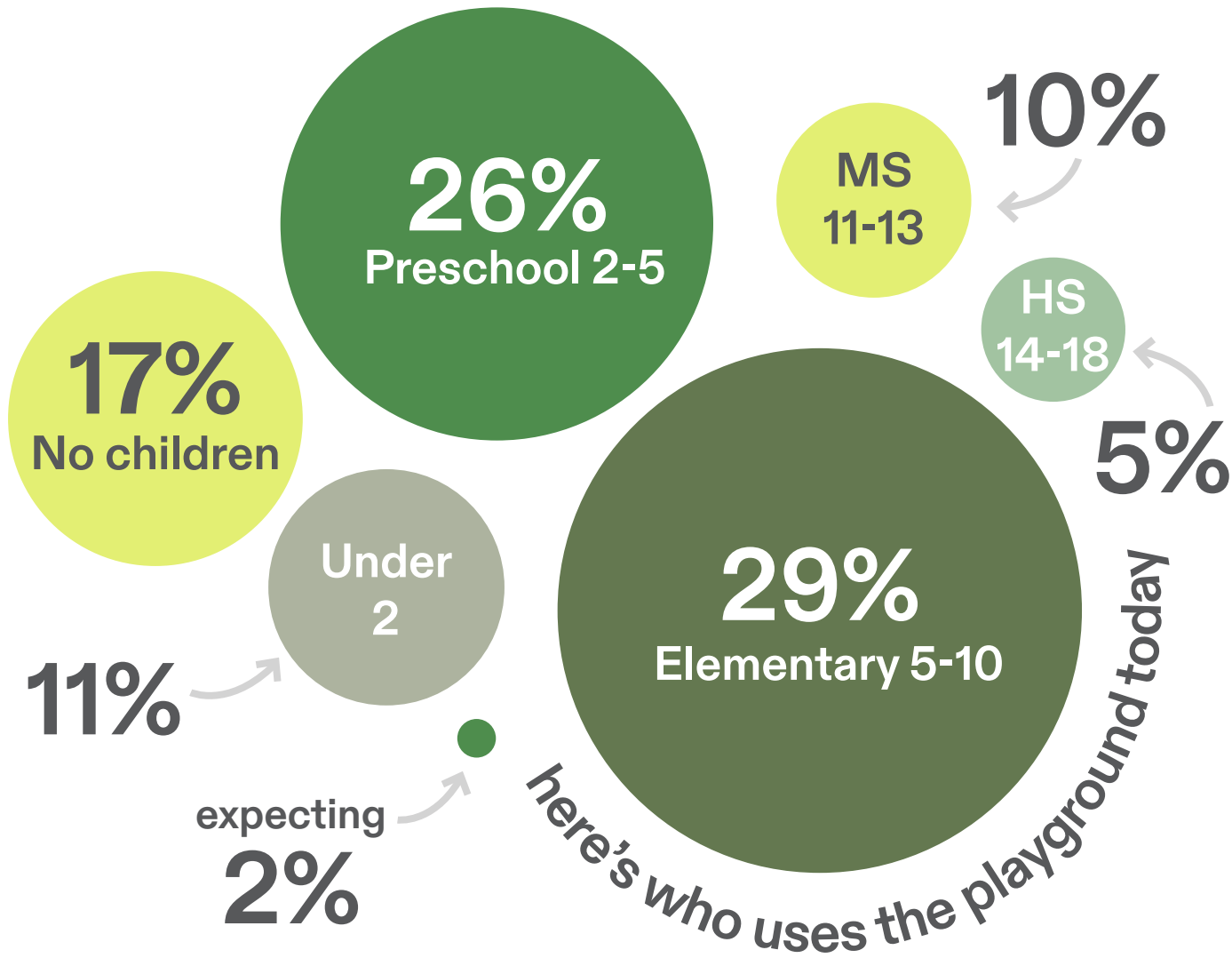
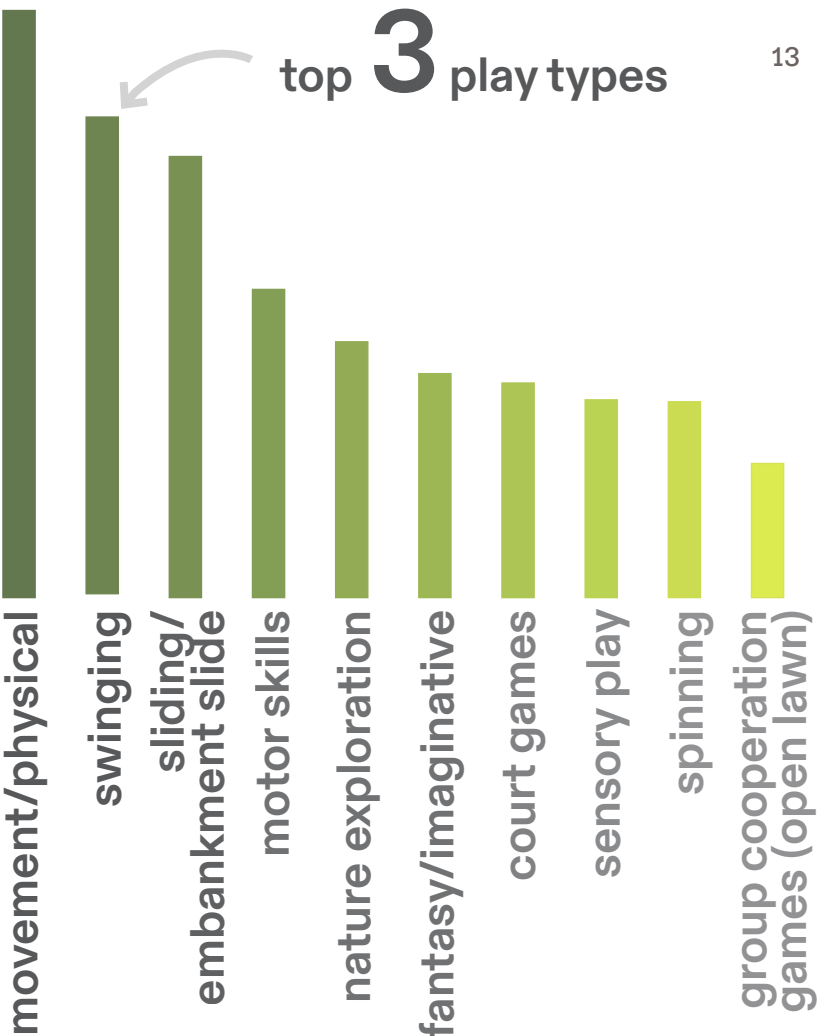
preserve basketball court

appreciate the shade over play equipment



Community Feedback

- top 3 current activities
- #1 use 5-12 age playground equipment
 - #2 bike and scooter
 - #3 use 2-5 age playground equipment



Community Feedback

top 4 desired amenities

#1

drinking/bottle filler

#2

picnic tables

#3

additional benches

#4

bike/scooter path



courts were mentioned nearly 50 times for basketball, tennis, pickleball and multi-sport

here's what you like to do when

visiting ¹⁴



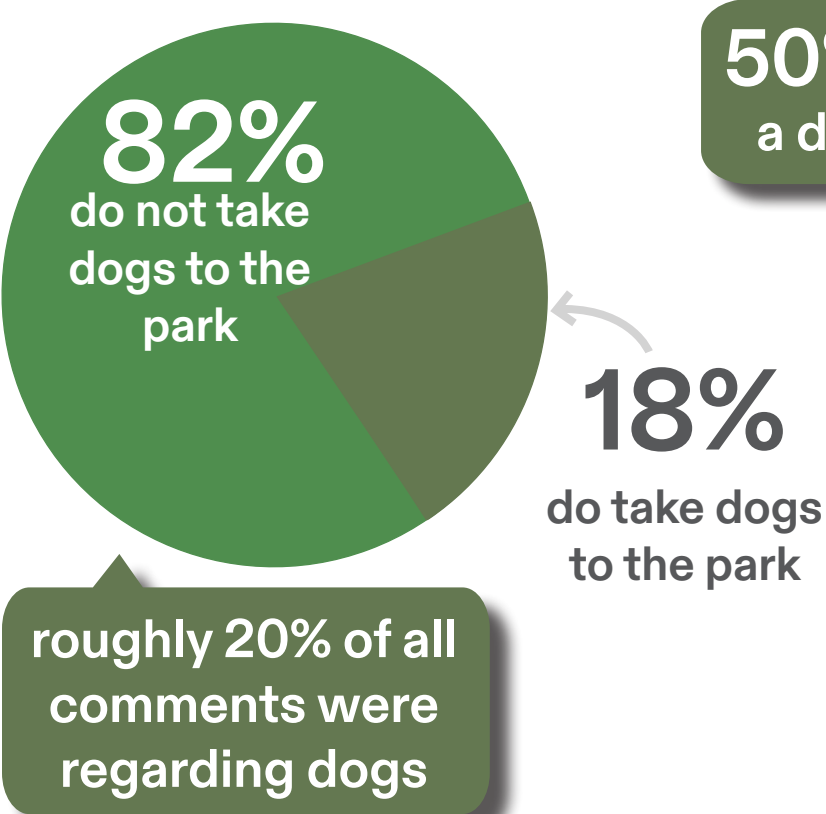
please type in the chat for play surfacing material - responses are split



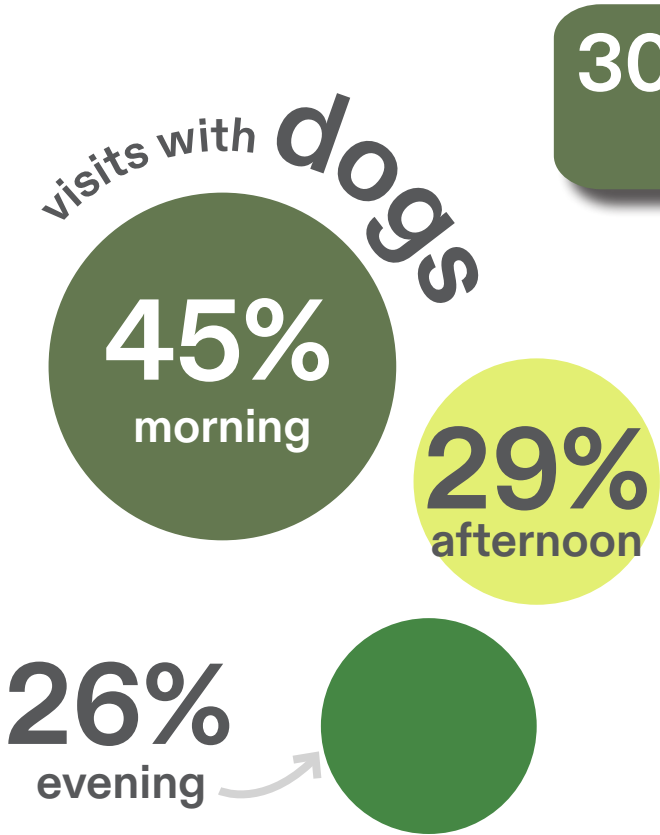
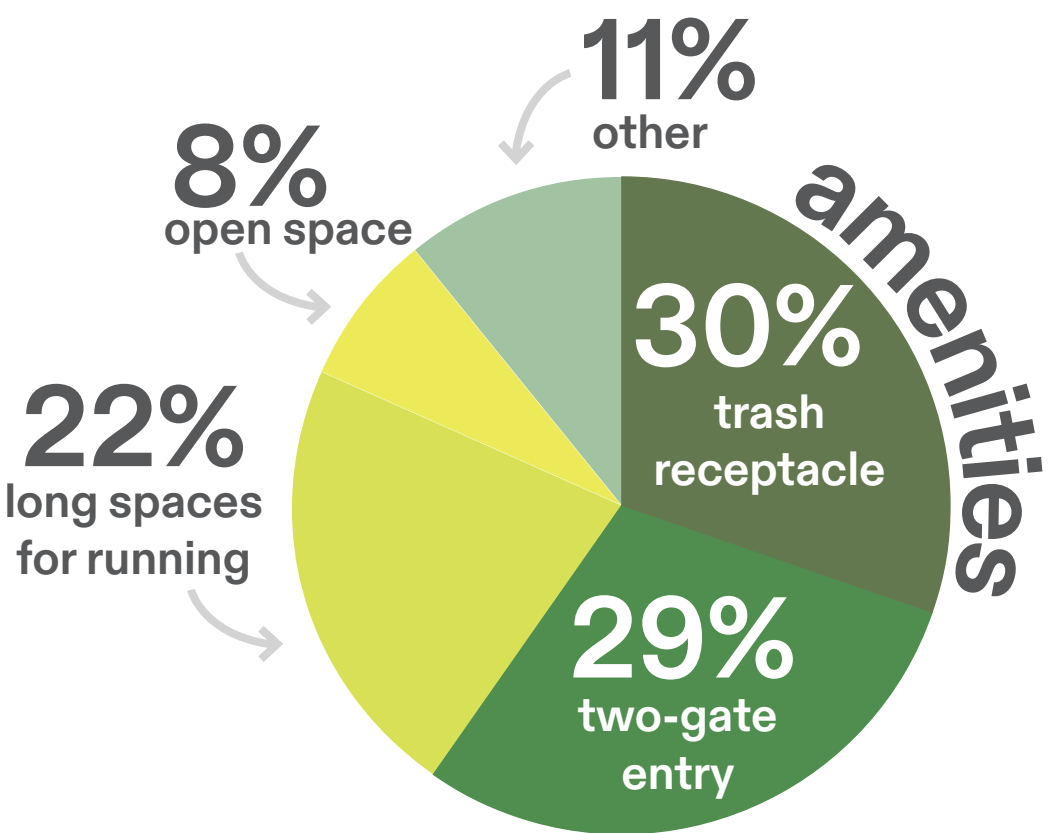
here's what you told us about **play equipment**



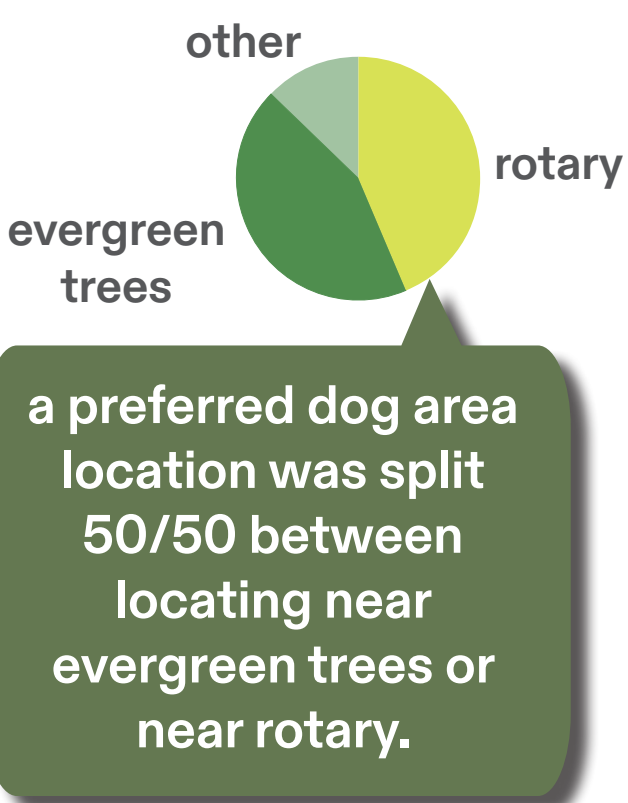
we also heard running



50% of respondents would like a dedicated off-leash dog area



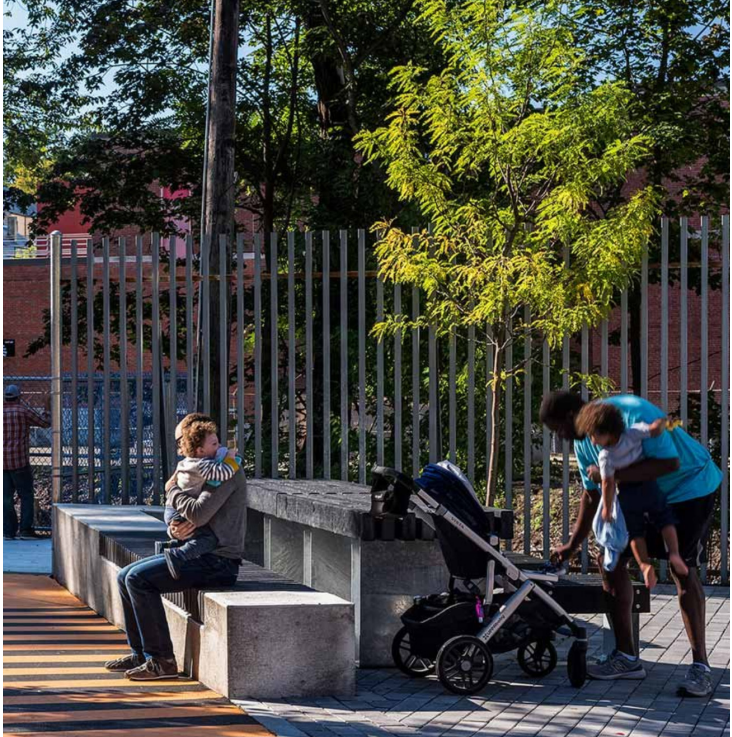
30% of respondents would like a two-gate entry system



“Most of the driveways in the neighborhood are too narrow to have a hoop so Parallel Park is a great place for the kids to shoot around.”



“Re-frame the space as a park for the whole community - welcoming to all, both young and old”



“Rock wall”



“Monkey bar structure - more advanced for older kids”

“If a grass area will exist in the redesign, it should be terraced to allow for a flat area for soccer or football or whiffle ball, etc”



“Playground equipment for TALL children. Even high school kids like to have fun. Seriously.”

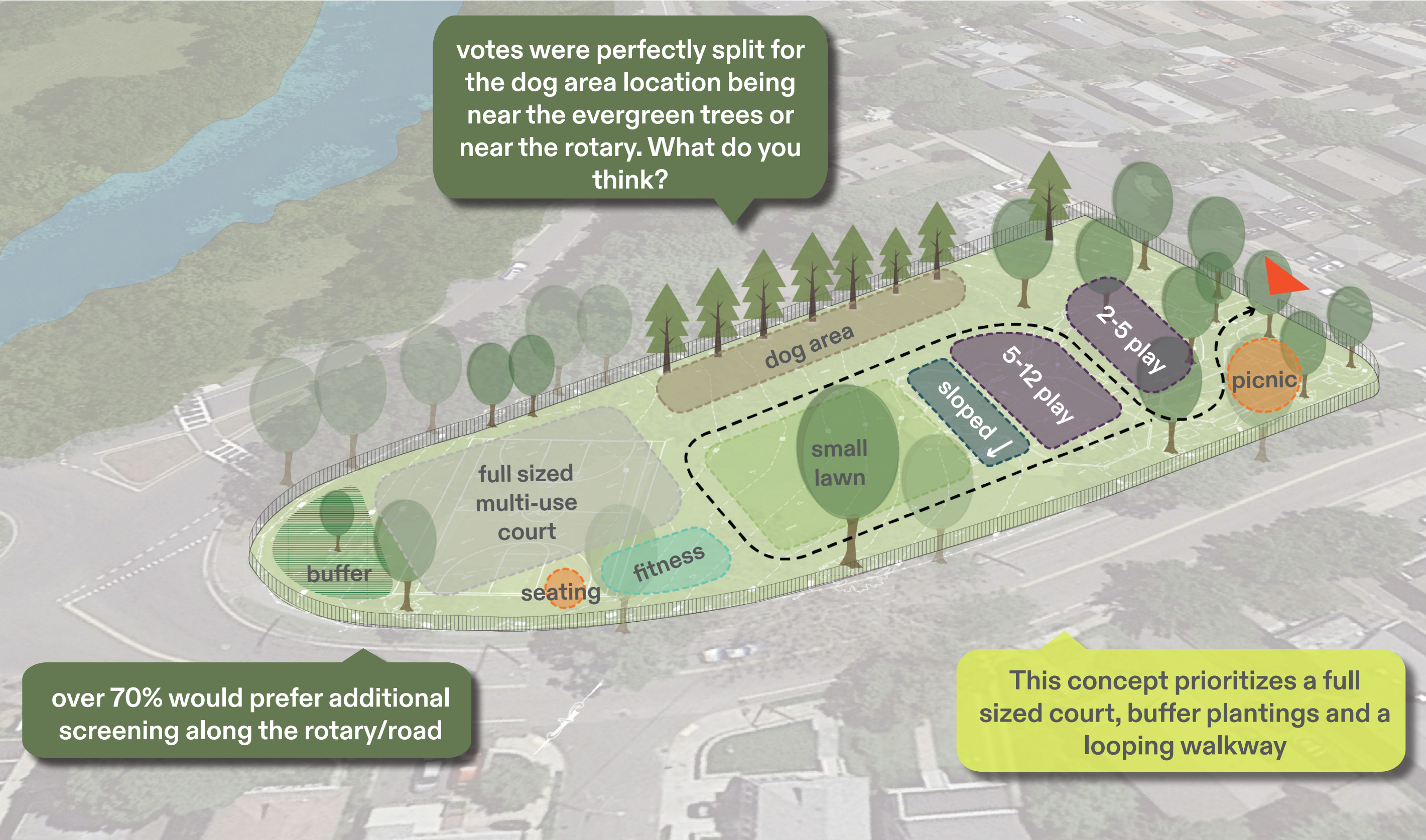


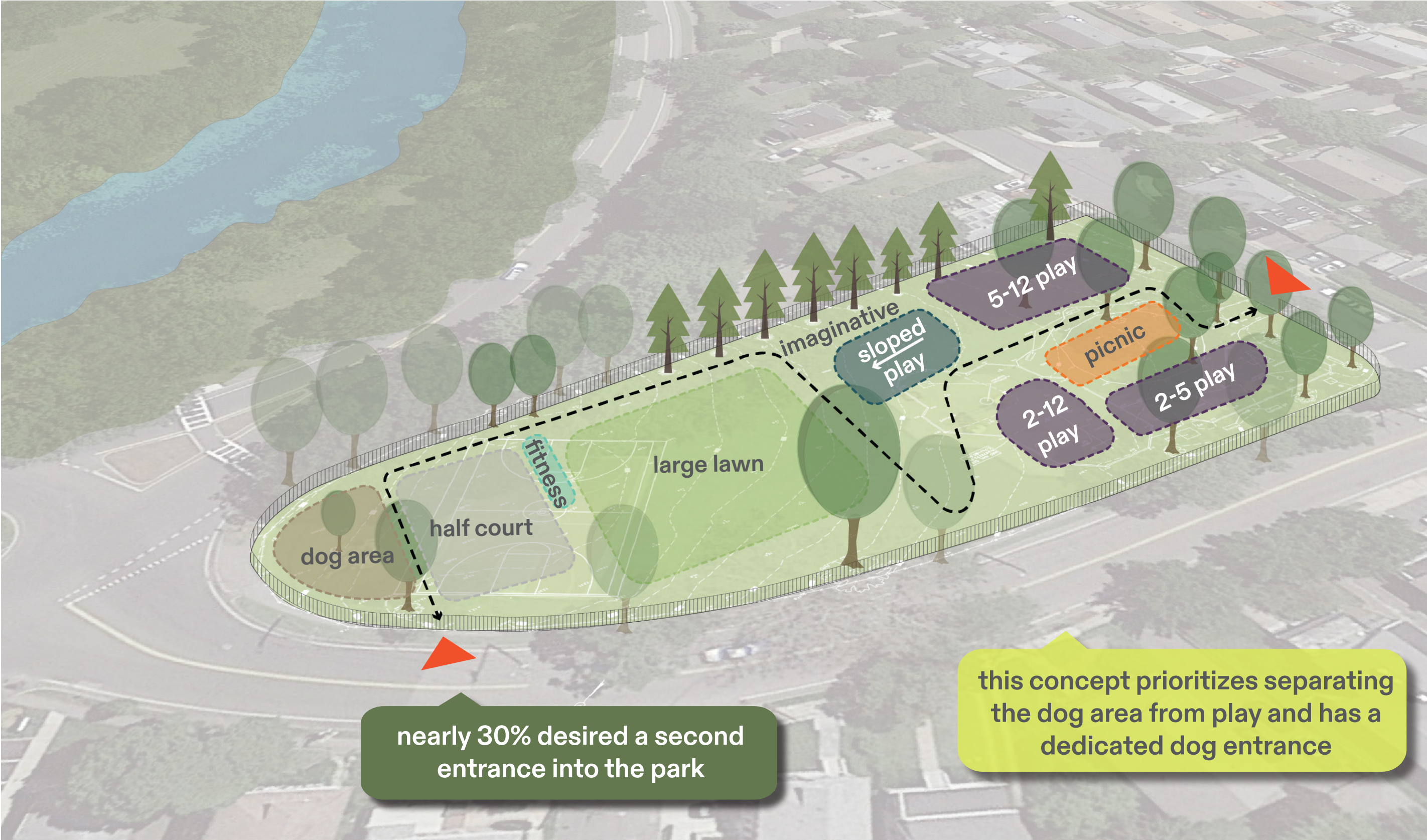
“Adjustable basketball hoops, pickleball courts for youth and adults”



“I would use the open lawn space to have some sort of bandstand or stage”

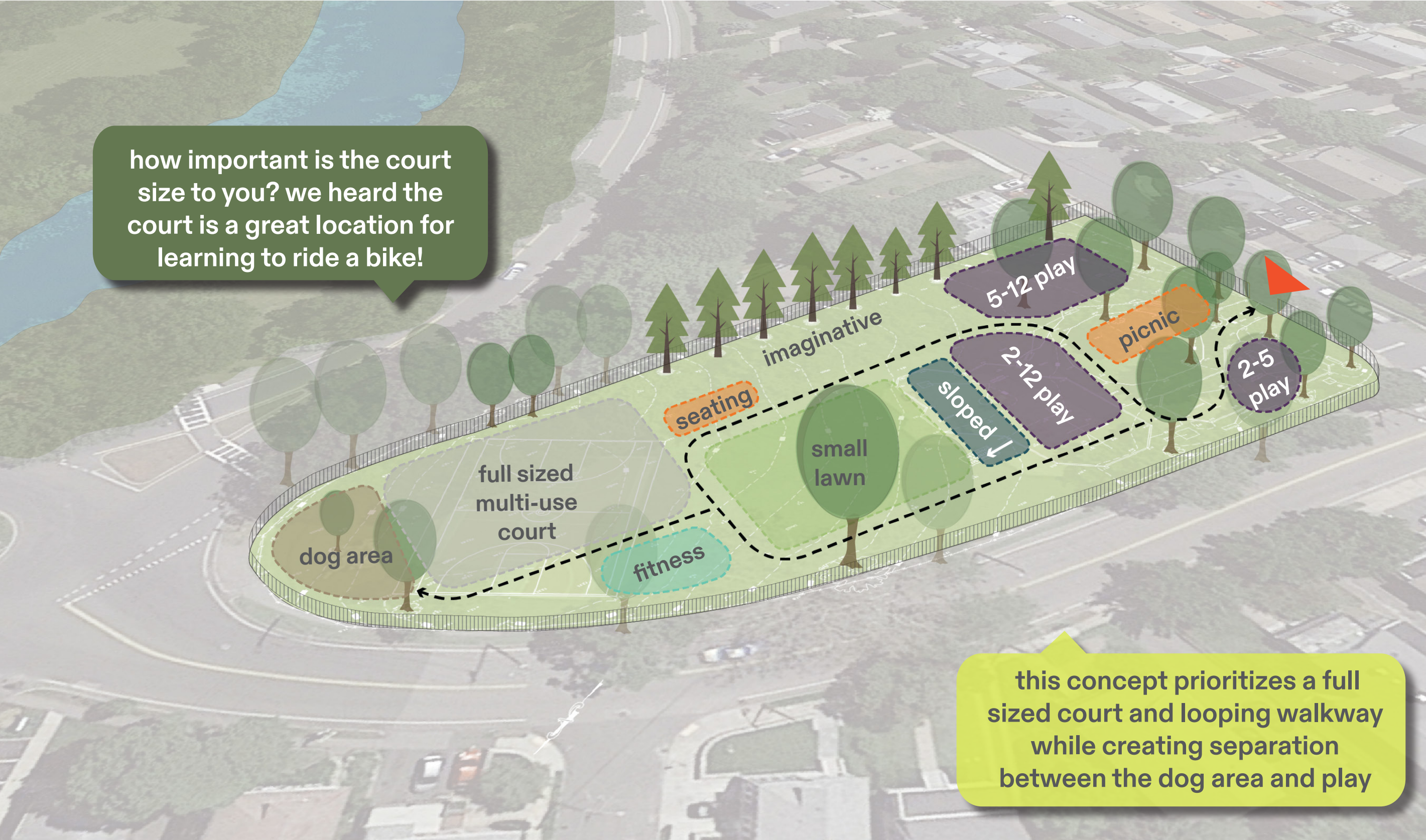
Playground Inspiration | Conceptual Layout A

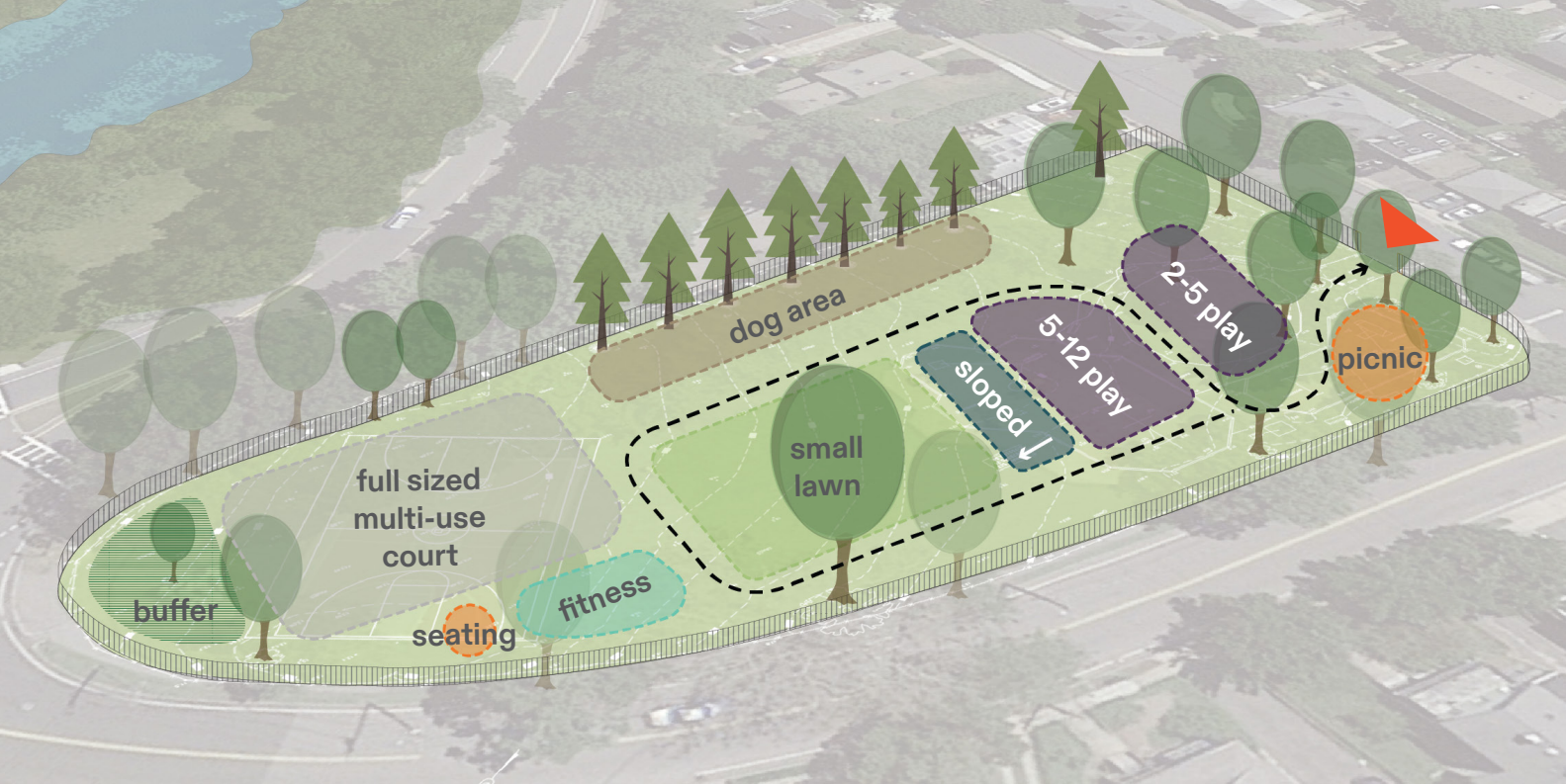




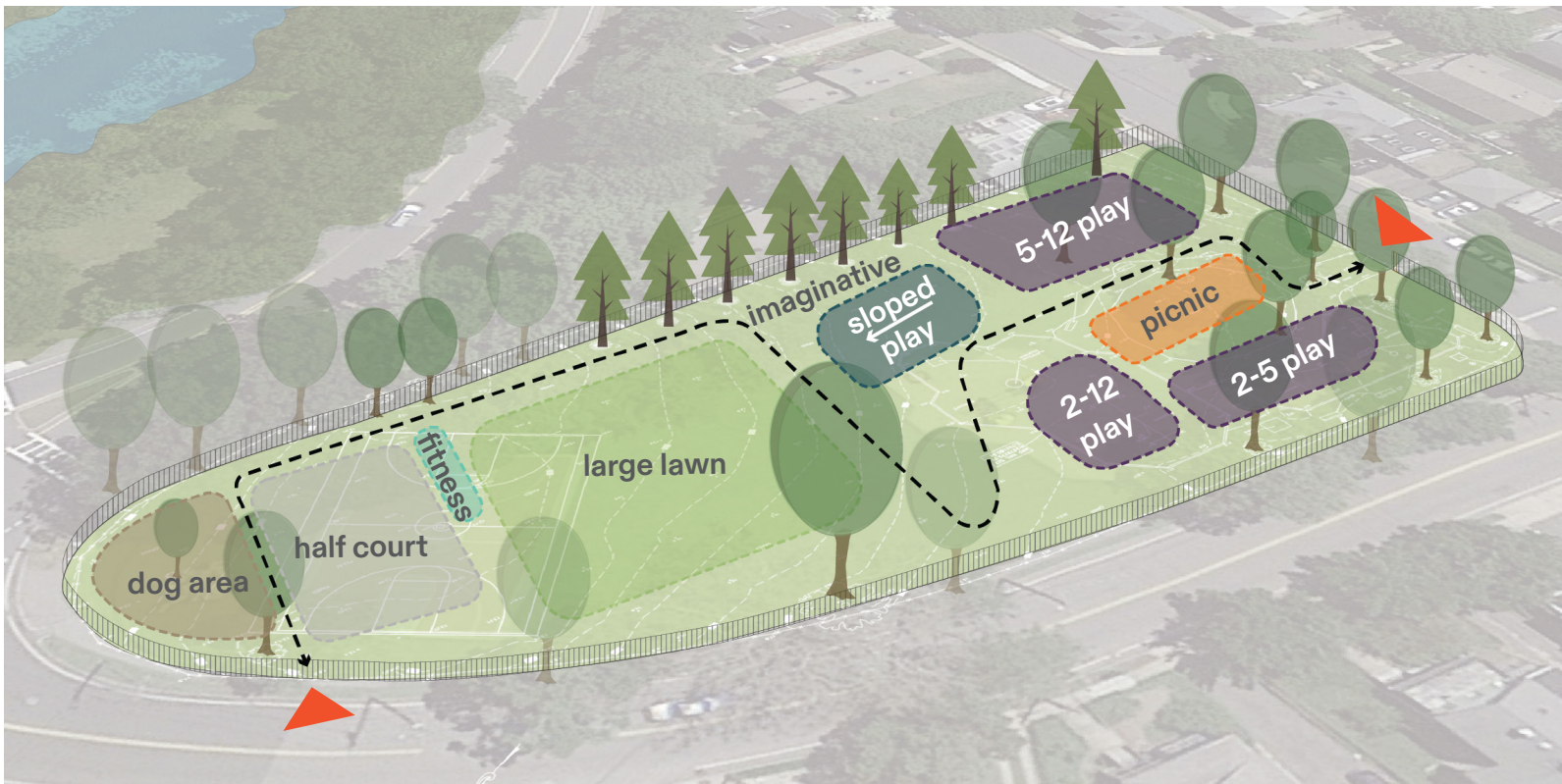
nearly 30% desired a second entrance into the park

this concept prioritizes separating the dog area from play and has a dedicated dog entrance

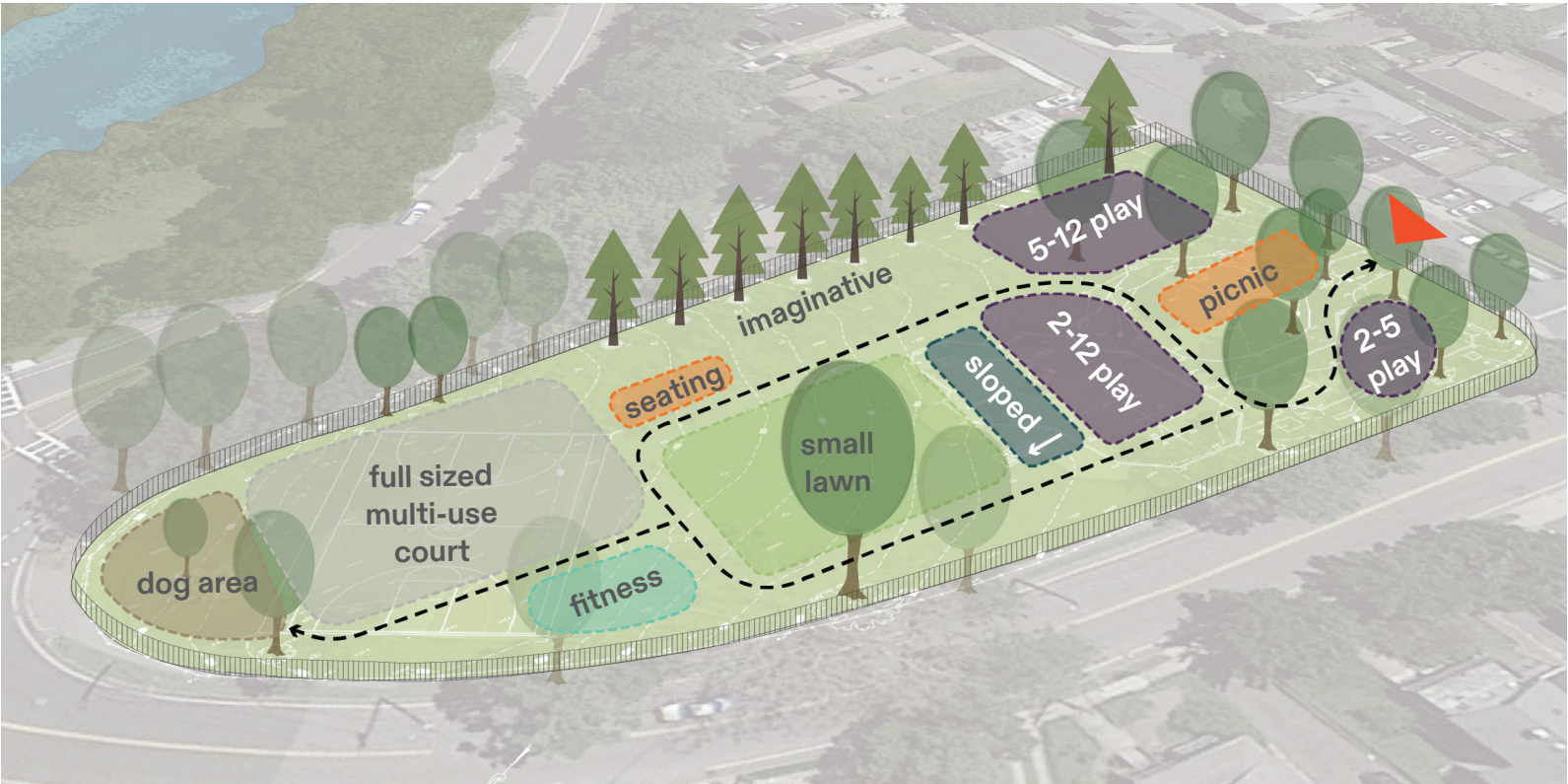




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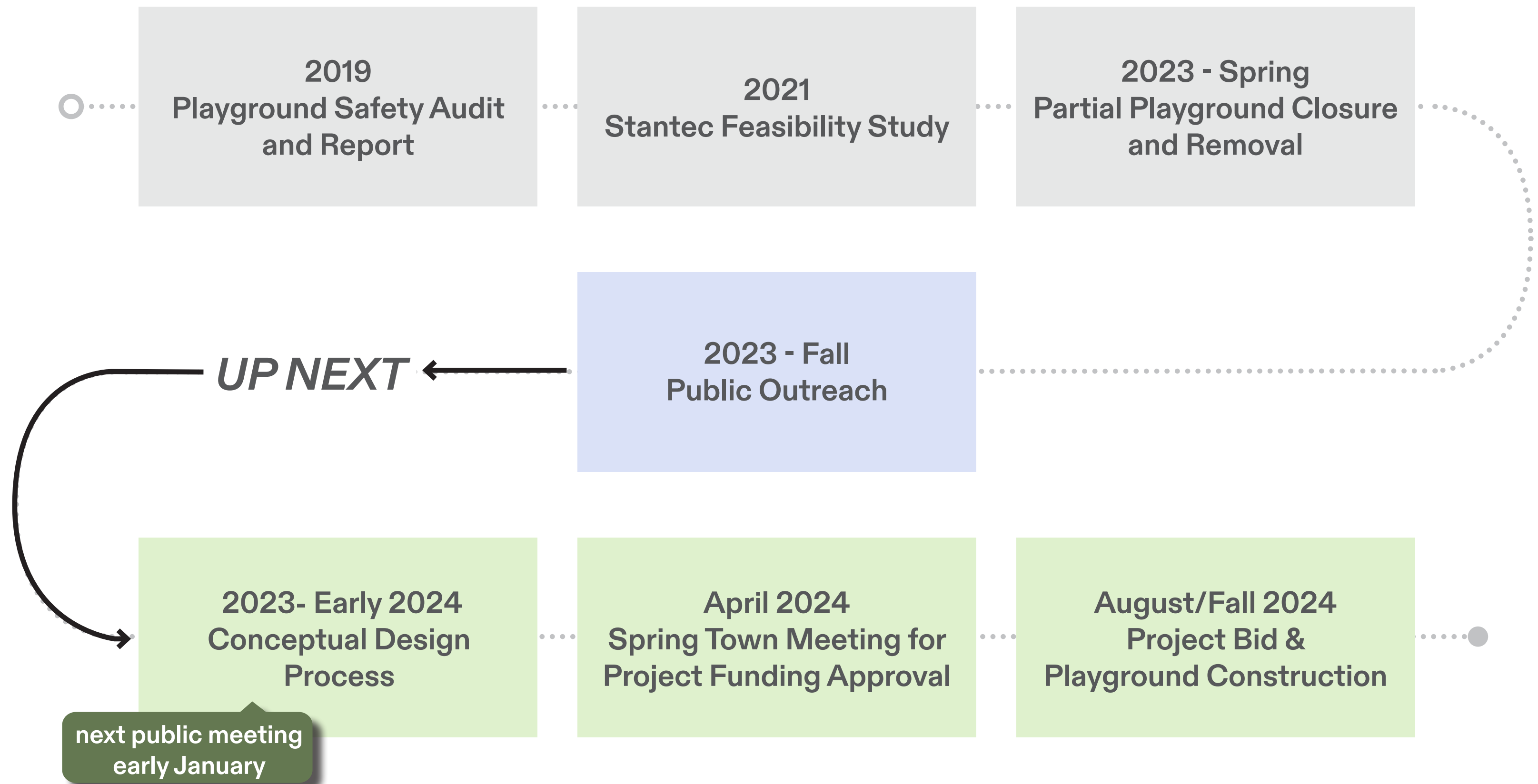


Conceptual Layout B



Conceptual Layout Hybrid

Schedule + Next Steps





Questions?

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